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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY ESCANDELL ROMERO, WORKERS DELEGATE OF CUBA. BEGIN TEXT:

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION,

CONVINCED THAT SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO UNIVERSAL PEACE,

REAFFIRMING THE OBLIGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ALBOUR ORGANISATION, SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION OF PHILADELPHIA, TO SAFEGUARD AND STRENGTHEN SUCH RIGHTS

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE COLONIAL STATUS OF PUERTO RICO AS A DEPENDENT TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON DECOLONISATION IN ITS RESOLUTION OF 30 AUGUST 1973, APPROVED IN TURN BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 14 DECEMBER 1973,
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RECALLING THAT IN ITS RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRADE UNION RIGHTS

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AND THEIR RELATION TO CIVIL LIBERTIES, ADOPTED AT ITS 54TH (1970) SESSION, THE CONFERENCE AFFIRMED THAT WITHOUT NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE FULL AND GENUINE TRADE UNION RIGHTS CANNOT IXIST,

RECALLING THAT IN THE SAME RESOLUTION THE CONFERENCE INVITES THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE TO EXTEND AND EXPAND ITS EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOUR, SEX, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION OPINION WHICH STILL EXIST IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES UNDER A COLONIAL REGIME OR FOREIGN DOMINATION IN ANY FORM,

NOTING THAT IN MANY MEASURES TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY CORPORATE BODIES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF MANIFEST DISCRIMINATION BOTH AGAINST PUERTO RICAN WORKERS IN PUERTO RICO ITSELF AND AGAINST SUCH AS ARE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT MIGRANTS IN NORTH AMERICAN TERRITORY AND THAT THEY CONSTITUTE GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANISE CONVENTION, 1948 (NO. 87), AND THE DISCRIMINATION (EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION) CONVENTION, 1958 (NO. 111),

NOTING THAT OWING TO THE COLONIAL STATUS OF PUERTO RICO THE WORKERS SUFFER THE IMPOSITION OF THE REPRESSIVE LABOUR LEGISLATION AND MACHINERY OF THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT AND THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, AND THAT, ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S OWN STATISTICS, A THIRD OF THE POPULATION OF PUERTO RICO HAS EMIGRATED TO UNITED STATES TERRITORY TO LOOK FOR WORK,

NOTING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S OWN OFFICIAL STATISTICS SHOW THAT PUERTO RICAN WORKERS MAKE UP THE WORST-OFF SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE POOR DISTRICTS OF UNITED STATES CITIES, SUFFER FROM THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND OBTAIN ONLY POORLY PAID JOBS,

CONSIDERING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION HAS AN IMPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT WORKERS EMPLOYED IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THEIR OWN, AND THAT EVERYONE, WITHOUT DISTINCTION BASED ON SEX, RACE OR SOCIAL ORIGIN, SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXERCISE FULLY HIS RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY;

1. ACKNOWLEDGES THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND PEOPLES (RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960).

2. ASSERTS THE RIGHT OF PUERTO RICAN WORKERS TO FULL ENJOYMENT OF SOCIAL, LABOUR AND TRADE UNION JUSTICE.

3. CONDEMNS THE POLICY OF DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLATION OF LABOUR AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS BEING PRACTISED BOTH AGAINST PUERTO RICAN WORKERS IN THE TERRITORY OF PUERTO RICO AND AGAINST THOSE

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TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY SETTLED IN UNITED STATES TERRITORY, ESPECIALLY THE APPLICATION OF SUCH LAWS AS THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT AND THE AUTHORITY OF SUCH BODIES AS THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD IN PUERTO RICAN TERRITORY.

4. CALLS UPON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON SUCH DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES AND PRACTICES, WHICH DENY THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO.

5. INVITES THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE--

(A) TO SET UP A COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT ON-TH-SPON INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DISCRIMINATION PRACTISED BOTH IN PUERTO RICO AND IN UNITED STATES TERRITORY AGAINST PUERTO RICAN WORKERS, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, REMUNERATION, LACK OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TRADE UNION RIGHTS, UNEMPLOYMENT, INADEQUACY OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, CONDITIONS OF LIFE AND WORK, HOUSING AND THE DIVISION OF FAMILIES;

(B) TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION AT ITS 61ST (1976) SESSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE WORK OF THAT COMMITTEE; AND

(C) TO SUBMIT THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON DECOLONISATION FOR INFORMATION AND EXAMINATION.

6. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE---

(A) TO TAKE THE URGENT STEPS WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO BE REQUIRED TO PUT AN END TO THE VIOLATIONS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO; AND

(B) TO REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE AT ITS NEXT SESSION ON THE OUTCOME OF ACTION TAKEN BY HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (A) ABOVE.

7. DECIDES TO PLACE THIS QUESTION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

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